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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Koichiro KOMATSU et al.

Rule 53(b) Continuing Application of U.S. Application  
No. 09/481,503 Filed January 12, 2000

Filed: September 15, 2003

Docket No.: 105173.01

For: SURFACE INSPECTION METHOD, SURFACE INSPECTION APPARATUS, AND  
RECORDING MEDIUM AND DATA SIGNAL FOR PROVIDING SURFACE  
INSPECTION PROGRAM

**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In furtherance to the Preliminary Amendment filed on September 15, 2003, please  
consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**